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*Dear producers and other data users:*

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## NEBRASKA CATTLE ON FEED DOWN 8 PERCENT

Nebraska feedlots, with capacities of 1,000 or more head, contained 2.2 million cattle on feed on November 1. This inventory was down 8 percent from last year and 2 percent below November 1, 1999. Placements during October totaled 590,000 head, down 11 percent from last year and 14 percent below 1999. Fed cattle marketings for the month of October totaled 330,000 head, down 11 percent from last year but equal to 1999. Other disappearance during October totaled 10,000 head compared with 10,000 head during October 2000 and 10,000 head during October 1999.

## U.S. CATTLE ON FEED

Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter market in the United States for feedlots with capacity of 1,000 or more head totaled 11.9 million head on November 1, 2001. Placements in feedlots during October totaled 2.69 million. Net placements were 2.62 million. During October, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 889,000, 600-699 pounds were 755,000, 700-799 pounds were 589,000, and 800 pounds and greater were 459,000. Marketings of fed cattle during October totaled 1.89 million and other disappearance totaled 68,000.

### CATTLE ON FEED -- INVENTORIES, PLACEMENTS, MARKETINGS & OTHER DISAPPEARANCE

STATE	NOVEMBER 1 NUMBER ON FEED 1/			OCTOBER PLACEMENTS			OCTOBER MARKETINGS			OCTOBER OTHER DISAPPEAR. 2/		
	2000	2001	<u>2001</u> 2000	2000	2001	<u>2001</u> 2000	2000	2001	<u>2001</u> 2000	2000	2001	<u>2001</u> 2000
	1,000 head		%	1,000 head		%	1,000 head		%	1,000 head		%
Arizona . . . .	292	301	103	42	35	83	21	31	148	1	1	100
California . .	440	470	107	76	60	79	49	50	102	7	5	71
Colorado . . .	1,250	1,170	94	290	305	105	205	190	93	5	5	100
Idaho . . . . .	325	330	102	79	79	100	60	58	97	4	1	25
Iowa . . . . .	380	340	89	99	75	76	57	44	77	2	1	50
Kansas . . . .	2,420	2,670	110	550	560	102	415	415	100	15	15	100
<b>Nebraska . .</b>	<b>2,380</b>	<b>2,200</b>	<b>92</b>	<b>660</b>	<b>590</b>	<b>89</b>	<b>370</b>	<b>330</b>	<b>89</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>100</b>
New Mexico	109	108	99	27	26	96	13	14	108	1	1	100
Oklahoma . .	410	395	96	88	80	91	74	72	97	4	3	75
So. Dakota .	180	171	95	70	61	87	34	25	74	1	1	100
Texas . . . . .	3,030	3,080	102	670	680	101	530	570	108	10	20	200
Washington	243	258	106	59	54	92	39	38	97	5	2	40
Other Sts . .	405	370	91	119	87	73	48	49	102	1	3	300
U.S. . . . .	11,864	11,863	100	2,829	2,692	95	1,915	1,886	98	66	68	103

1/ Cattle and calves on feed are animals for slaughter market being fed a ration of grain or other concentrates and are expected to produce a carcass that will grade select or better. 2/ Includes death losses, movement from feedlots to pastures and shipments to other feedlots for further feeding.

The October 2001 U.S. pig crop at 8.47 million head, was 2 percent more than the previous year. Sows farrowing during this period totaled 953 thousand head, 1 percent above last year. The average pigs per litter for October rose to 8.88, compared to 8.85 last year.

The U.S. inventory of sows and gilts on November 1, 2001, was 5.97 million head, 1 percent below November 1, 2000. U.S. sows and gilts bred during October totaled 1.20 million head, up 2 percent from October 2000.

**MONTHLY FARROWINGS: NUMBER OF SOWS, PIGS PER LITTER, AND PIG CROP,  
UNITED STATES DECEMBER-NOVEMBER 2000-2001 1/ 2/**

Month	Sows Farrowing		Pigs per Litter		Pig Crop	
	2000	2001	2000	2001	2000	2001
	1,000 head	1,000 head	Number	Number	1,000 head	1,000 head
Dec 1/	922	901	8.77	8.66	8,091	7,803
Jan	911	906	8.76	8.71	7,977	7,887
Feb	965	943	8.76	8.78	8,454	8,279
Mar	974	963	8.87	8.83	8,639	8,497
Apr	956	930	8.85	8.83	8,461	8,207
May	955	952	8.86	8.90	8,465	8,466
Jun	960	953	8.83	8.79	8,479	8,369
Jul	970	932	8.85	8.81	8,580	8,204
Aug	959	954	8.85	8.86	8,489	8,455
Sep	970	964	8.84	8.88	8,578	8,564
Oct	940	953	8.85	8.88	8,319	8,465
Nov	928		8.86		8,222	
Total	11,410		8.83		100,754	

1/ December preceding year. 2/ Monthly values may not add to quarterly or annual totals due to rounding.

**U.S. COLD STORAGE HIGHLIGHTS**

Frozen food stocks in refrigerated warehouses on October 31, 2001 were greater than year earlier levels for orange juice and turkeys. Total red meat supplies in freezers were 10 percent above September 2001 but were 1 percent below October 2000. Frozen pork stocks were 17 percent above last month but were 2 percent below last year. Total frozen poultry supplies were down 3 percent from last month and were 8 percent below last year's level. Stocks on October 31 for selected items and changes from last year and last month follow:

Commodity	Stocks 1,000 lbs.	Percent of	
		Oct. 2000	Sept. 2001
Total red meats . . .	856,123	99	110
Beef . . . . .	402,941	100	105
Pork . . . . .	429,850	98	117
Poultry . . . . .	1,139,008	92	97
Turkey . . . . .	493,530	104	91
Chicken . . . . .	636,182	83	102

**POULTRY HIGHLIGHTS - OCTOBER**

Item	2000	2001	2001 as % of 2000
	Thousands		Percent
No. of Layers			
NEBRASKA . . . . .	11,911	11,626	98
30 States . . . . .	307,970	315,738	103
U.S. . . . .	328,178	336,345	102
Eggs Produced	Millions		Percent
NEBRASKA . . . . .	260	255	98
30 States . . . . .	6,679	6,885	103
U.S. . . . .	7,130	7,329	103
Chickens, U.S.			
Hatched, October			
Egg-type . . . . .	36.1	36.5	101
Broiler . . . . .	711.3	739.7	104
Hatched thru October			
Egg-type . . . . .	362.8	387.3	107
Broiler . . . . .	7,378.4	7,436.5	101
Turkeys, U.S.			
Placed (October) . . . . .	23.7	23.8	101

**COMMERCIAL LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTER**

October 2001 output and changes from last year and last month are shown below. October 2000 contained 22 weekdays (including one holiday) and four Saturdays. October 2001 contained 23 weekdays (including one holiday) and four Saturdays.

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Item	Total 1/ (1,000)	Percent of	
		Oct. 2000	Sept. 2001
<u>NEBRASKA</u>			
Cattle, head . . . . .	698.4	104	108
Hogs, head . . . . .	642.9	109	115
Sheep & Lambs, head	.1	100	100
Red Meat, mil. lbs. . . . .	676.7	106	110
<u>UNITED STATES</u>			
Cattle, head . . . . .	3,160.8	101	113
Calves, head . . . . .	93.7	96	119
Hogs, head . . . . .	9,330.0	105	119
Sheep & Lambs, head	288.5	103	119
Red Meat, mil. lbs. . . . .	4,263.3	104	116

1/ Excludes animals slaughtered on farms.

**MILK COWS AND MILK PRODUCTION: BY MONTH, 20 SELECTED STATES, 2000-2001**

	Milk Cows 1/	Milk per Cow 2/	Milk Production 2/
Month			

	2000	2001	2000	2001	2000	2001	2001 as % of 2000
	1,000		Pounds		Million pounds		Percent
January .....	7,764	7,783	1,579	1,550	12,259	12,062	98
February .....	7,766	7,767	1,506	1,431	11,694	11,112	95
March .....	7,776	7,756	1,632	1,599	12,687	12,401	98
April .....	7,789	7,744	1,593	1,570	12,411	12,158	98
May .....	7,799	7,745	1,636	1,632	12,758	12,638	99
June .....	7,808	7,749	1,547	1,556	12,082	12,057	100
July .....	7,821	7,745	1,561	1,552	12,205	12,020	98
August .....	7,820	7,737	1,525	1,522	11,928	11,772	99
September .....	7,820	7,723	1,464	1,474	11,451	11,387	99
October .....	7,817	7,722	1,511	1,526	11,813	11,785	100
November .....	7,805		1,459		11,385		
December .....	7,803		1,519		11,855		
Annual .....	7,799		18,532		144,528		

1/ Includes dry cows. Excludes heifers not yet fresh. 2/ Excludes milk sucked by calves.

**HIRED WORKERS ON FARMS & FARM WAGE RATES  
SELECTED REGIONS AND UNITED STATES, OCTOBER 8-14, 2000 & OCTOBER 7-13, 2001 1/**

Region 2/	Hired Workers		WAGE RATES							
			All Hired Workers		Type of work					
					Field		Livestock		Field & Livestock	
	2000	2001	2000	2001	2000	2001	2000	2001	2000	2001
	Thousands		Dollars per hour							
Lake .....	71	74	9.05	9.21	8.40	9.14	8.35	8.59	8.39	8.97
Cornbelt I .....	56	57	8.39	9.53	8.07	8.84	7.86	9.29	8.03	8.91
Cornbelt II .....	31	41	7.90	8.78	7.41	8.06	8.19	9.26	7.72	8.52
Northern Plains .....	33	41	8.41	8.68	8.21	8.37	8.23	8.46	8.22	8.40
Southern Plains .....	61	68	7.59	8.01	6.71	7.16	7.30	7.97	6.95	7.52
Mountain I .....	34	27	7.80	7.72	7.39	6.99	8.10	7.70	7.64	7.31
Mountain II .....	24	21	7.82	8.08	7.29	7.65	7.71	8.09	7.44	7.78
United States .....	952	959	8.29	8.58	7.74	8.01	7.84	8.36	7.76	8.08

1/ Excludes agricultural service workers. 2/ Regions consist of the following: Lake: Michigan, Minnesota, Wisconsin; Cornbelt I: Illinois, Indiana, Ohio; Cornbelt II: Iowa, Missouri; Northern Plains: Kansas, NEBRASKA, North Dakota, South Dakota; Southern Plains: Oklahoma, Texas; Mountain I: Idaho, Montana, Wyoming; Mountain II: Colorado, Nevada, Utah.

**HIRED WORKERS: ANNUAL AVERAGE WAGE RATES,  
SELECTED STATES AND UNITED STATES, 2000 - 2001 1/ 2/**

State	All Hired		Field		Field & Livestock	
	2000	2001	2000	2001	2000	2001
	Dollars per hour					
Colorado .....	7.96	8.22	7.34	7.57	7.50	7.61
Illinois .....	8.56	9.01	8.13	8.29	8.16	8.35
Indiana .....	8.88	9.80	8.08	8.66	8.22	8.81
Iowa .....	8.51	8.98	7.85	8.24	8.14	8.59
Kansas .....	7.96	8.87	7.72	8.05	7.70	8.18
Michigan .....	8.77	8.96	7.87	8.15	7.93	8.18
Minnesota .....	8.91	9.53	8.67	9.90	8.38	9.26
Missouri .....	7.70	8.19	7.06	7.78	7.54	8.01
NEBRASKA .....	7.93	8.51	7.52	7.80	7.73	8.17
North Dakota .....	8.72	9.27	8.62	9.17	8.56	9.07
South Dakota .....	7.64	8.21	7.34	8.16	7.38	7.81
Wyoming .....	6.64	7.20	6.24	6.57	6.23	6.57
United States 3/ .....	8.10	8.44	7.50	7.78	7.54	7.86

1/ Excludes agricultural service workers. 2/ Annual rates are averages of the wage rates for each survey week weighted by the number of hours worked during the week. The annual average is based on data collected for January, April, July, and October. 3/ Excludes Alaska.

## U.S. INDEX OF PRICES RECEIVED

The Preliminary All Farm Products Index of Prices Received in November was 93 based on 1990-92=100, down 1 point (1.0 percent) from the October Index. Lower prices for milk, cattle, hogs, broilers, cotton and apples more than offset higher prices for soybeans, potatoes, eggs, strawberries and wheat. The seasonal change in the mix of commodities farmers sell often affects the overall index.

Higher seasonal marketings of milk, cotton, cattle, cottonseed, and broilers more than offset lower marketings of soybeans, peanuts, and potatoes. Compared with November 2000, the All Farm Products Index was 5 points (5.1 percent) lower. Price decreases from November 2000 for cattle, lettuce, soybeans, eggs, and rice more than offset increases in potatoes, hay, broilers, and wheat.

### AVERAGE PRICES RECEIVED BY FARMERS

COMMODITY	Unit	NEBRASKA			UNITED STATES				
		Nov. 2000 <sup>1/</sup>	Oct. 2001 <sup>1/</sup>	Nov. 15, 2001	Nov. 2000 <sup>1/</sup>	Oct. 2001 <sup>1/</sup>	Nov. 15, 2001	% of Parity	Parity Price*
Wheat .....	Bu.	\$ 2.84	\$ 2.66	\$ 2.70	\$ 2.82	\$ 2.86	\$ 2.94	31	\$ 9.57
Corn .....	Bu.	1.86	1.86	1.88	1.86	1.84	1.85	28	6.53
Oats .....	Bu.	1.49	1.91	1.75	1.22	1.65	1.59	43	3.74
Grain Sorghum .....	Cwt.	3.23	3.09	3.30	3.27	3.30	3.35	30	11.20
Soybeans .....	Bu.	4.46	4.00	4.10	4.55	4.09	4.18	29	14.20
Hay, All, Baled .....	Ton	71.00	72.00	73.00	84.00	99.40	97.10		
Alfalfa, Baled .....	Ton	74.00	75.00	75.00	88.00	108.00	106.00		
Other, Baled .....	Ton	59.00	65.00	65.00	71.10	70.00	74.10		
Dry Edible Beans .....	Cwt.	15.70	17.70	17.50	15.50	19.20	21.80	46	47.50
Hogs .....	Cwt.	37.80	42.70	35.40	36.80	40.50	34.90	34	102.00
Barrows & Gilts .....	Cwt.	38.00	42.90	35.50	37.20	40.90	35.20		
Sows .....	Cwt.	29.00	34.50	28.60	28.40	33.20	29.10		
Beef Cattle .....	Cwt.	70.00	69.50	67.30	69.10	66.60	62.80	40	157.00
Steers & Heifers .....	Cwt.	71.00	70.50	68.40	73.80	70.20	66.60		
Cows .....	Cwt.	39.00	36.20	33.10	36.60	37.50	35.30		
Calves .....	Cwt.	105.00	100.00	99.10	106.00	99.20	96.20	47	206.00
Sheep .....	Cwt.	33.00	23.80		33.60	26.20			71.80
Lambs .....	Cwt.	62.70	42.60		71.50	52.90			172.00

<sup>1/</sup> Entire month average except hay. \*Parity price based on data for November 2001.

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